

1. A method of test strip qualification, said method comprising:
 - providing a test strip comprising an assay reaction area, a first control reaction area and a second control reaction area;
 - obtaining PT results for each reaction area;
 - comparing results from said first control area to first control qualification criteria and results from second control area to second control qualification criteria, wherein said first control qualification criteria comprise an upper limit and a lower limit, said upper limit being at least partially dependent upon assay reaction area PT results; and
 - outputting a message to a user indicating test strip reliability.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein said upper limit is dependent upon assay reaction area PT results at or below about 2.0 INR.
3. The method of claim 2, wherein said upper limit comprises a linear function dependent upon assay reaction area PT results.
4. The method of claim 3, wherein said upper limit further comprises a value independent of assay reaction area PT result for reaction area PT results at or above about 2.0 INR.
5. The method of claim 3, wherein said lower limit comprises a value independent of assay reaction PT result.
6. The method of claim 1, wherein PT results obtained for each reaction area are INR values.
7. The method of claim 1, wherein said second control qualification criteria comprises an upper limit and a lower limit, said upper limit being dependent upon assay reaction area PT results, said lower limit having first and second sections dependent upon assay reaction area PT results, wherein said second section drops-off from said first section.

8. A method of test strip qualification, said method comprising:
 - providing a test strip comprising an assay reaction area, a first control reaction area and a second control reaction area;
 - obtaining PT results for each reaction area;
 - comparing results from said first control area to first control qualification criteria and results from second control area to second control qualification criteria, wherein said second control qualification criteria comprise an upper limit and a lower limit, said upper limit being dependent upon assay reaction area PT results, said lower limit having first and second sections dependent upon assay reaction area PT results, wherein said second section drops-off from said first section; and
 - outputting a message to a user indicating test strip reliability.
9. The method of claim 8, wherein said lower limit first and second sections comprise linear functions.
10. The method of claim 8, wherein said first section and said second section coincide at an assay reaction area PT result of about 4.0 INR.
11. The method of claim 8, wherein said upper limit comprises a linear function.
12. The method of claim 8, wherein PT results obtained for each reaction area are INR values.
13. The method of claim 8, wherein said first control qualification criteria comprises an upper limit and a lower limit, said upper limit being at least partially dependent upon assay reaction area PT results.
14. A method of test strip qualification comprising:
 - providing a test strip comprising an assay reaction area, a first control reaction area and a second control reaction area;

obtaining PT results for each reaction area; and

comparing test strip results from said first control reaction area to a first set of criteria substantially as represented in figure 4 and comparing results from said second control reaction area to a second set of criteria.

15. The method of claim 14, wherein said second set of criteria are substantially as represented in figure 5.

16. A method of test strip qualification comprising:

providing a test strip comprising an assay reaction area, a first control reaction area and a second control reaction area;

obtaining PT results for each reaction area; and

comparing test strip results from said first control reaction area to a first set of criteria and comparing results from said second control reaction area to a second set of criteria substantially as represented in figure 5.

17. A system programmed to operate according to a method selected from a group of methods consisting of the test strip qualification methods of claims 1-16.

18. The system of claim 17, further comprising a test strip comprising an assay reaction area, a first control reaction area and a second control reaction area.

19. A computer-readable medium embodying a program to direct a system to perform a method selected from a group of methods consisting of the test strip qualification methods of claims 1-16.

20. A computer-readable medium containing data representing sample results, wherein said data is made by a method selected from a group of methods consisting of the test strip qualification methods of claims 1-16.